

California High Cost Fund A

PU Code Sec 275.6 requires the CPUC to minimize telephone rate disparities between rural and metropolitan areas to keep rates affordable in areas with lower population densities. This fund supports 10 of the 13 eligible small independent telephone companies to allow rural residents to stay connected to essential services to maintain public safety and public health.

Fiscal Year 2016-17 Enacted Program Budget - \$43.1 Million

Company	Lines	Company	Lines
Calaveras	3,513	Pinnacles	242
Cal-Ore	1,812	Ponderosa	7,545
Ducor	989	Sierra	17,982
Foresthill	2,514	Siskiyou	3,656
Happy Valley *	2,277	Volcano	9,384
Hornitos *	484	Winterhaven *	919
Kerman	4,591	TOTAL	55,908

*These carriers do not currently draw from the CHCF-A

Supports **52,228 lines** at an average of **\$57.64 per month** or **\$691.66 per year** per line.

Promotes customer access to **advanced services** and deployment of **broadband-capable** facilities

Subject to CPUC rate regulation as an eligibility requirement to receiving funding support

